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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: FR, OTRA (GISCARD D'ESTAING)

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING

1. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY JULY 25:

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND MADAME GISCARD D'ESTAING TO MAKE A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FROM MAY 17-20, 1976, DURING THE CELEBRATION OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY AS A NATION.

3. FRANCE IS AMERICA'S OLDEST FRIEND AND ITS FIRST ALLY. YOUR VISIT WOULD UNDERSCORE THE LONGSTANDING AND VERY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. THERE COULD BE NO MORE FITTING OBSERVANCE ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY THAN A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE. WE WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR ACCEPTANCE. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

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4. PLEASE CONFIRM PRESIDENT GISCARD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE

INVITATION, INFORMING THE FRENCH THAT WE WILL WANT TO
WORK OUT JOINTLY THE TEXT AND TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF
THE VISIT. INGERSOLL

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